

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 635

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Fred Prouty for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it fitting that this General Assembly recognize and honor those estimable citizens who, expending extraordinary effort, strive to protect and preserve the historical sites and resources located in this great State; and

WHEREAS, one such worthy citizen is Fred Prouty, who has diligently worked to preserve many Civil War battlefields in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prouty serves with purpose and conviction as Military Site Preservation Specialist and Director of Programs with the Tennessee Wars Commission; and

WHEREAS, serving as technical advisor to the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association since its inception, Fred Prouty has conducted comprehensive archaeological assessments of Civil War resources in all three Grand Divisions of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the premier historical preservation organization in this State, the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association is devoted to the protection and preservation of Tennessee Civil War battlefields; and

WHEREAS, garnering support from the National Civil War Preservation Trust , Mr. Prouty has championed preservation efforts at Civil War battlefields across this State, including Bull's Gap, Fort Donelson, Davis Bridge, and Parkers Crossroads; and

WHEREAS, in addition to nominating several sites to the National Register of Historic Places, Fred Prouty has worked tirelessly to keep *A Path Divided*, one of the most popular brochures distributed at Tennessee visitor/welcome centers, available to the public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prouty has produced other heritage tourism publications, including three brochures for Tennessee travelers in the *American Civil War in Tennessee* series project and a

brochure on the wartime railroad from Nashville to Johnsonville, and has also managed production of the award-winning video, *Hallowed Ground*; and

WHEREAS, overseeing the project to erect a Tennessee State Monument on Shiloh Battlefield, Mr. Prouty worked with sculptors, various State offices, and stakeholders to negotiate all necessary agreements and contracts to finalize the project and to ensure that every detail of the monument's final design is historically accurate; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to public service and historical preservation, Fred Prouty has worked with the American Battlefield Protection Program in Tennessee to win numerous preservation grants for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prouty also served as Tennessee's representative on the task force to complete the National Park Service's Vicksburg Campaign Trail Special Resources Study, making sure that all significant Tennessee sites were properly evaluated for inclusion; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Prouty is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Cheryl; their marriage has been blessed with three wonderful daughters, Heather, Sarah, and Rachel; and

WHEREAS, Fred Prouty epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he deserves a prominent place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the rich history of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of public servants like Fred Prouty who use their considerable talents and resources to serve and enrich the lives of others by helping to preserve our collective heritage; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor Fred Prouty for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee in helping to preserve our Civil War Resources and wish him every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

